In a meadow gay and flowered, On a balmy-cummer's day,
Walked a maid by nature dowered
With more charms than tongue can say,
As her arms with flowers she laded,
Guy and childleh was her sir,
And her charming face was shaded
By her curs of chestnut hair.

In that meadow, o'en the daisies, Warden two, instead of one.

And a handsome stranger gaves

At the sweet maid he has won. Thrice as happy is the maiden
As when with the flowers she played; All her boart with love is lade. For the idel she has made.

Still that meadow; but the roses From the maiden's chesis have gone; No more gathers she sweet posics, But she wanders there alone.

Neath her feet a daily token Suffee, though crushed by feet of men; But the sweet haid's heart is broken— She can never love again.

Advantages of Voice Cultur Study of the voice embraces study of the antire human system. In order to have a musical voice there must be physical strength; hence cultivation of the body is of primary consideration to the vocal stu-

The organs of sound are the lungs and the vocal chords. Correct standing position is, therefore, the first thing the wise instructor will teach his pupil. If the chest is held erect the other organs of the body are brought into correct position and the lungs are enabled to do their proper work. Upon the control of the breath depends the quality of the voice; hence exercises which strengthen the disphregmatic muscles are of the greatest value to one desiring a musical tone. To know how to breathe correctly is to know, after all, the secret of perfect health. Singers and orators illustrate constantly the value of this knowledge. As a rule, people do not breathe deeply enough, the lungs nover get filled with air, and as air is their only means of purification they become, when deprived of it. diseasod.

It is claimed by wise physicians that there is no disease in the vocabulary of human ills which cannot be cured by a natprocess of respiratory Hence it happens that people take up voice work oftentimes simply as a means of gaining health and strength. In diaphragmatic gymnastics breathing exercises are followed by tone producing exer-cises, in which the diaphragm on the one side, the abdominal muscles on the other, come together like the lips of a vise, stimulating the stomach, liver and whole ali-mentary canal. If the voice is improperly used nature's laws are defied and number less diseases ensue. Various bronchial and catarrhal troubles can be directly traced to wrong vocal practice. From the physiclogical standpoint alone the knowledge of the voice is indispensable to every one de-Biring perfect health .- Jeaness-Miller Mag-

The Giddy Ohlo Girl.

I cannot resist telling you, apropos of Urbana people, a story that for years has gone the rounds in Washington of an Ohio girl who is not a native of Urbana, although she has frequently visited there. She spent one winter in Washington during the Hayes administration. She was bright, clever and fascinating, and she appeared night after night in a succession toflets so decollete as greatly to shock the prim dowagers and prudent mammas of society. During her stay at the capital a few sporadic cases of smallpox made their appearance. The pretty Ohio girl was frightened. Meeting the late Dr. Garproach to a giggle

"Oh, doctor, I am coming to your office fort bodily down,

place where it will not be seen. it."-Jules Guthridge in Urbana Citmen

Lives by Sweeping.

A queer old chap turns up about Union morning with a broom and a pan. In saloons in the neighborhood he has the privthe time for coins. It is said that on the sverage he makes a fair day's wages from silver thus gathered up, but his sure in-come is realized from the corks. Such of these as are not broken he whittles down to a size that will fit the small phials used by druggists. He solls these at prices which make it profitable to the druggists, and the refuse, the shavings and broken bits he disposes of to men who pack bottles for transportation. - Exchange.

It was, probably, the fondness of the late A. Brouson Alcott for that summer house of his that gave rise to the amusing fiction that upon one pression, while seeking to repair that structure, be nailed himself up within it. I call this story a fiction, although it is possible that the philosopher might have committed so amusing a folly. But the story was told originally of old Dr. Parr, of whom it was said that, socking to board up his wine cellar with a view to keeping out the bibulous servants, he boarded up himself within!—Eugene Field

Absent Minded Isaac Newton.

It was the famous Sir Isaac Newton who seems to have been the most abstracted and impractical of men. It was be who cut a large hole in his study door in order that his favorite cat might go and come as she pleased; at the same time he cut a smaller hole for the kitten. It was Newton, too, who finding bimself too warm upon one occasion rang the bell for the servant and requested him to remo fireplace.- Expine Field in Chicago News.

## Nervous Prostration,

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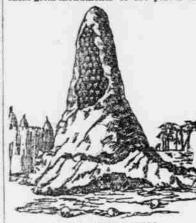
Wirhin Engle A SKULL TOWER.

It Commemorates an Arab's Terrible Vengeance.

A TALE OF BLOODY WARFARE.

How a Chieftain of the Desert Avenged the Insult Offered His Daughter by a Christian Warrior-The Grim Monument on the Isle of Jerbeh.

[Copyright by American Press Association.] The towers of human skulls which adorn (according to native ideas at least) the West African town of Abomey have not a few parallels even in regions less utterly barbarous. Several of those which that enlightened monarch. Timour the Tartar, enemies in the end of the Fourteenth century are still to be seen in various parts of Central Asia through which I have traveled. But perhaps the most singular of these grim monuments of the past is the



THE TOWER OF SEULLS.

ous "Burj-er-Roos" (Castle of Skulls), which stands, or rather stood-for the greater part of it has been recently pulled down-on the Mediterranean island of Jerbeh or Gerba, off the coast of North Africa.

The Isle of Jerbeh-which was known by all sorts of bad names to the ancient Romans, whose clumsy vessels had an unpleasant habit of getting wrecked upon it at every possible chance—is a low sandy flat of considerable extent lying in the Gulf of Cabes, which forms a deep wedge shaped hollow separating the province of Tunis from that of Tripoll, and about 130 miles distant from the city and harbor of Tripoli itself. Its uniformly level surface rises so slightly above the surrounding sea that (as any one can judge for himself who travels by one of the steamers which ply from Malta along the coast of Tunis) the whole island would be quite invisible at a very short distance if it were not for the tall palm trees which stand as thick along its flat shore as the bristles of a brush. In fact Jerbeh has always been famous for its date palms, and local tradition tells of a group of them which once stood near the eastern extremity of the islet, through the gaping trunks of which, split and hollowed with extreme age, "an Arab horse man might ride without touching them with stirrup or with turban.

But the chief "sight" of the place is of a very different kind. Close to the only landing place worthy of the name which the island possesses there stands an old Turkish fort, useful enough in days when the Knights of Malta and the flerce admirals of Charles V were snapping up with true Christian zeal every Moslem ship and fortress that came in their way, but its wall is now so broken and honeycombed nett at an evening reception, where the (as no one ever dreams of repairing anyscantiness of her attire was unusually no- thing in the east) that the two soldiers who ticeable, she said with the faintest ap- form the garrison are strictly forbidden to sneeze lest they should bring the whole

to be vaccinated to-morrow," looking down at her shapely arm, "you must put it some rather of weakness—you will see close to the water's edge a low, crumbling mound, The stately old gentleman, without a from which rose not many years ago a cone change of muscle gravely replied, "I am shaped tower of dried clay, 34 feet in height ptraid, my dear, you will have to swallow and 24 broad at the base, which at a disant hill, or the neck of a monster bottle half buried in the earth. This curious structure was known both to the island square, New York, about 5 o'clock in the Arabs and to those of the mainland by the name of "Buri-er-Roos" (Tower or Castle

On three sides the Burjer-Roos, when lege of sweeping. From out of his sweep-ings he gathers up every cork, looking all complete, was to all outward appearance nothing more than a rude mound of sun baked mud, but when you come to look at it from the fourth side (that which faced the sea) the justice of its grim title at once became terribly apparent. Beneath the never coasing attacks of the lashing spray and the buffeting wind a large part of its outer casing of dried mud had gradually crumbled away, and through the gap thus left bare the whole interior of the mound was seen to be one solid mass of human

A closer inspection of this ghastly masoury showed that it had been put together The skulls, with unusual care and labor. instead of being piled loosely one upon the other-like those which I used to see in the "fetich houses" of the African kings on the Gold coast-were symmetrically ar ranged, row above row, upon successive layers of crossed thigh bones, thus repeating to an unlimited extent the famous "death's head and cross bones" which formed the piratical ensign of the seven-

teenth century. An outsider might perhaps be inclined to think that the skill and labor expended in piecing together these poor relics of mortality would have been better applied in repairing and preserving the rained onghold beside it, and in truth the crumbling fort and the pyramid of skulls may be said to form between them a very apt symbol of the Turkish empire itself, the one typifying its humanity, the other its foresight and common sense. But the eruel compactness of this weird monument is easily understood when we remember that those who reared it meant it to serve as a lasting memento of the sanguinary repulse of a Christian armament which invaded the island three centuries ago, and that the 25,000 heads of which it is ormed are those of the Spanish and Italian oldiers who fell in that disastrous conflict.

No such thoughts as these, however troubled the honest sea captains from Na , Genea, Marseilles or Liverpool, who passed this hideous trophy without ever thinking of its real nature or its past history, or regarding it, indeed, in any light but that of a first rate landmark, quite as good as a lighthouse, in the daytime at least. for warning them away from the perilous shoals of the low, sandy islet. But a certain zealous French bishop, resident in Algeria, took a very different view of the matter. Plously indignant at the thought of the heads of so many Christian men being publicly exposed as a trophy of war in the land of the infine, the good prelate secretly disparehed to the spot a gang of trusty workmen, who tanded by might at the foot of the Burjer-Roos, and made such good use of their time and pickaxes during the hours of darkness that when the sun rose again the greater part of the tower's ghastly contents lay buried in the sea, and the structure itself had dwindled down to that shapeless loop of dust which

still marks the site of the famous Castle of But, though the worthy bishop's zeal may perhaps have shightly outrun His dis-cretion in this case, no one can be surprised that he should have done his best to efface

aucent matery, whether regarded from a moral or a material point of view, have set a deeper brand of dishonor apon the Christian name. There are various conflicting versions of the wretched story, but that which appears to be the most reliable is as

In 1581 Philip II of Spain sent Admiral La Cerda against Tripoli with a strong armament of Spanish and Italian warships—a selection as unfortunate as the choice of the Duke of Medina Sidonia twenty-seven years later to command the "Invincible Armada." At once a breggart and a coward, La Cerda had no sconer come in sight of the strong walls and bristling cannon of the Modern fortress than he forgot all his former boastings and declared, in spite of the remonstrances of his best captains, that it would be folly to think of attacking such a place till they could obtain heavy siege guns from Malta whither a swift galley was instantly dis-

Meanwhile the admiral, in order to find work for his men during the delay, made a sudden swoop upon the almost defense-less Isle of Jerbeh. Outnumbered and taken by surerise though they were, the Arab islanders met his attack with all the wonted courage of their race, but they were crushed by superior force, and the conquerors sullied their inglorious victory by the massacre of nearly all their prison ers in cold blood, with all that ferocious cruelty which made Philip's Spanish soldiers the byword of all Europe even in that

But that ignoble raid was destined to be stained with a darker crime than even that of wanton bloodshed. Among the female captives was the levely Zobiyah, only daughter of the principal chief of Jerbeh, Sheikh Yokdah, whose fresh girlish beauty doomed her to a fate worse than death at the hands of her captor, Don Jose de Sacra. Contriving to escape during the night, the wretched girl made her way through the darkness to a grove of palm tress in which the shattered remnant of Yokdah's force had sought refuge, and had just strength enough to tell her dismal story ere she expired at her father's feet.

Any painter might have loved to pre-serve that scene—the shadowy asse of overarching palm trees; the cold moon lighting up the dead girl's motionless form and rigid features; the towering figure of the warrior chief bowed in dumb and stony despair over the beloved face that would never brighten at his approach again; his warlike followers standing around him in the moonlight in their ploturesque eastern garb exchanging such looks as brave and high spirited men might be expected to wear in the presence of so foul and mon-strous a villainy, and in the background the low sandy shore and the glittering

foam of the restless sea. Not a word spoke Yokdah as he stood over the dishenored corpse of his only child, for the wrath that burned in his stricken beart was too deep and deadly to waste itthreats or lamentations. In grim silence he marshaled his men for a night attack upon the hated foe, while two swift runners darted off at full speed to warn the Arabs who had escaped the storming of the sister village of Essoon to be ready to take their part in the coming assault. And when all was prepared for the work of from the bereaved death there broke father's set lips a few words of deadly "Let no one slay that man; take him

Meanwhile the Christian invaders, little ireaming of the murderous vengeance which was even then stealing upon their presumptuous security, had fallen asleep



THE ISLE OF JERBEH. efore dawn their drunken slumbers wer broken by a hot blast of stifling smoke and blinding flame and an uproar of hellish din, through which pierced shrilly the wolfish yell of the Moslem war shout, "Allah ackbar!" (God is victorious).

Unarmed unprepared, taken by surprise, their camp in flames, their officers as helpless as themselves, the doomed wretches started from slumber only to be slaughtered like sheep by their merciless foes. Some of the Spaniards stood to their arms fiercely and died like men, fighting savagely to the last, but the great mass fled down to the beach in a paniestricken mob, hoping to reach their ships and es cape. But it was not to be. The light armed Arabs dashed after them into the water and a fresh massacre began, which stained the clear, bright sea with blood for

many yards round. Seldom has any crime been more swiftly and terribly avenged than that wanton and ferecious invasion. Many a brave man died that night without stroke of sword, veighed down by his cumbrous armor as he struggled in the bloodstained waters, and the leaders fell one by one, till only

Jose de Saera himself was left. "This is as it should be," cried Sheikh Yokdah with vindictive joy, as he saw the doomed man hemmed in by the Arab spears. "Slay him not—keep him for me!" He was obeyed; but not while one man was left to slay did the red sickles of those herce reapers rest from their fell work. Few, very few of that doomed host ever saw the shores of Europe again; and when the fight was over the Arabs counted 95, 000 Christian corpses heaped on that fatal shore. The heads of the slain were at once hewed off by the savage victors and built into a tower that survived its builders for more than 300 years. And then, as a final monument of Sheikh Yokdah's unsparing vengeance for his lost darling, her rufflanly destroyer, Don Jose de Saers, was subjected to all the frightful and lingering tertures that Oriental cruelty could devise, and when death at last came to his relief his corpse was backed to pieces, and his gory head placed in triumph on the topmost

point of this ghastly pyramid. DAVID KEB. English Servants. Writing on "English Servants" Julian Raiph has this to say in Harper's Weekly: "The servants are a distinct breed from

ours. Their work is performed with cheerfulness, their manners are deferential their ambition seems to be to keep the fam ily good will and their own places. All hall to caste! A humbug and fraud in every other way, it yet does that much good; it permits servants to be contented, and therefore faithful in their places. But I had some significant talks with servants who waited upon me at hotels. The girl at Laurence's, in Liverpool, who wait table in the coffee room, was very anxions to hear about America. Her intended in here, but she was the only servent who spoke to me who was not anxious to come to America. It was because her lover is here that she did not want to emigrate. 'I'll follow no man that lives,' she said;

if I'm not worth fetching I'm not worth "But the number of servants, male and female, who managed before I left Eng-land to hint that they would like a chance to go to America, and who had huncles or 'brothers' over here, made a consider able total. One pompous head waiter in London offered to be my valet across the water if I would pay his fare. When is

men out, even upon a chance vent to a friend in lodgings, with whom I took cold luncheon, that the 'buttons' who carved the mest desired a 'sitemation' in America. the mest dealers if George Peabody realized the nature of the choice he had between offering to fit out emigrants to America or building model tenements to keep them at home, it is no wonder he chose the latter course. One more word about English servants. They call themselves so. Tm only a servant, or, 'I went out with another servant, are phrases I heard used as freely as some of ours put on their mis-tresses clothing. And they telk about their 'characters'-meaning letters of reference -quite in a way to recall old times at

Uranus was discovered by Sir William Herschel in 1781. The other planets then known had been observed ever since men began studying the stars. Herschel, sweeping the heavens with his reflector, came upon an object that he knew was not a fixed star. In a day or two it had moved, and he announced the discovery of a comet, for no one dreamed of the existence of another planet. It was nearly a year before its claim to be a planet was fully estab-

The excitement caused by the unlooked for event was very great, and honor and fame were Herschel's reward. King George III knighted the discoverer, endowed him with a peasion and provided him with means for constructing the forty foot reflector with which he afterward discovered the two inner satellites of Saturn. It was found by reckening back that several other astronomers had made observations on the star, but had not discovered its true character.

Little is known of Uranus, the smallest

of the four giant members of the system. making its slow circuit round the sun in eighty-four years, at a mean distance of eighteen hundred millions of miles. There are indications in its spectrum of a dense atmosphere, its disc is flattened at the poles and faint bands or belts are visible on its surface.

The satellites of Uranus are an unsolved problem. Herschel discovered two satellites in 1787, and announced the discovery of four more in 1798. No other observer has ever seen them, although the younger Herschel made diligent search for them with a telescope similar to the one used by his father. Lassell looked for the four lost moons in vain, but in 1851 he found two additional satellites, that probably are not of the quartet seen by Herschel, as they are among the smallest objects revealed by the telescope.-Youth's Com-

Value of Ammonia in Baking. The carbonate of ammonia is an exceedingly volatile substance. Place a small portion of it upon a knife and hold over a dame and it will almost immediately be entirely developed into gas and pass off into the air. The gas thus formed is a simple composition of nitrogen and hydro-No residue is left from the ammonia

gen. No residue is left from the ammonia. This gives it its superiority as a leavening power over soda and cream of tartar used alone, and has induced its use as a supplement to these articles. A small quantity of ammonia in the dough is effective in producing bread that will be lighter, sweeter and more wholesome than that risen by any other leavening agent. When It is acted upon by the heat of baking the leavening gas that raises the dough is lib-erated. In this act it uses itself up, as it were—the ammonia is entirely diffused, leaving no trace or residuum whatever The light, fluffy, flaky appearance, so de-scrable in biscuits, etc., and so sought after by professional cooks, is said to be imparted to them only by the use of this agent.—Exchange.

Uses of Baking Soda.

Try powdered charcoal or magnesia, lime water or soda till you find which suits best, but have the latter ready, for a cup of hot soda water taken in time will often prevent the worst summer attacks of nausea and cramps. It may be your lot, as it has been mine more than once, to want soda for some victim in distress, only to find that neither house nor shop could produce a pinch of baking sods, obsolete since the advent of baking powder. Keep down the acid tendency and you prevent pimples, redness and rawness of the face, fishy eyes and unpleasant odor of the perspiration, all derived more or less from acids in the blood With cool, healthy blood the heat is felt less, there's less tendency to freckles and sunburn.—Shirley Dare in New York Herald.

The swift running elevator is one of the surjosities of the present time. The competition of builders and experts has suo seeded in accelerating the speed until in some instances it has reached 500 feet a

minute. A few years ago 200 feet was considered very rapid traveling. It is enconraging to hear from an expert that there is not much actual danger modern swife running elevator. If an ac-cident should happen the advice is to keep cool and remain still until the car reaches the end of its journey. Then it w quietly of its ewn accord.—Chicago

"Shadowing" in France. "Shadowing" is to be applied in the couthwest of France upon a grand scale to travelers arriving from Spain. They are to be closely watched, and if any symp-toms of cholera should be detected they see to be detained as "suspects." A room for such unfortunate determs is to be provided at every frontier railway station. If French officials would only take as much pains to prevent the generation of epidemics at home as they do to guard against their importation from abroad their public health would be a good deal better than it

Guest-I believe I see several flies in this

oup, waiter. Waiter (in surprise)—You must be mistaken, sir. I was very careful to take them all out before I brought it in - De-

No Pretty Ones Wanted. Applicant-I understood you wanted a

Madame-Yes; I want a plain cook. Applicant-It's a plain cook, is it? Is your husband a little bit foxy!-Lowell A Dearth of Topics.

always talking about himself. Kate-Because he doesn't know any sensible thing to talk about-Washington Btar. Forty-four Miles of Cabs. The spectacle of forty-four miles of cabs is enough to make any one shudder, yet that is the length to which the London cabs would extend if they were placed in a

Fannie-I wonder why Mr. Simpson is

line. There is only standing room for twenty-three miles of cabs, so that London has twenty-one miles of cabs aiways wandering about its streets.—Chatter. Peculiarities of English The English language sounds funny to a

"I will come by and by and buy a bi-

cycle," said a traveler, and the shopkeeper had an attack of brain fever trying to make out what he meant-Ally Sloper's

St. Petersbueg is the only capital of Europe in which the population is steadily diminishing. During the last seven years the inhabitants of that city have decreased

A NOTED WESTERN ATHLETE.

minent in the Olympic Club. W. A. Scott was born at Niles, Cal., in September, 1864. His first appearance on the track was on Sept. 9, 1884, at the Merion Cricket club games, San Francisco, where he started in the one mile handicap walk, also the one mile handicap run, but did not take a place in citizer event. Nov. 27, 1884, he won the two mile handicap run from the 200 yard mark in 9m

this, says The Clipper. On May 19, 1885, he finished second from scratch in the one mile run, on an indoor board track, as the Pavillon, San Francisco being beaten by a foot at the tape, in 4m. 50s. On July 25, 1885, he won a mile at the same place in 4m. 40s.—a fine performance

ing, at the first championship games of the Pateur Athletic as sociation, he won the half mile championship in 2m. 25s.; also the mile in 4m. 46348 On Feb. 22, 1886, at the Olympic games, he won the quarter mile race in 60s.; the half mile in 2m. %s. and the mile in 4m 55%s.-all from scratch. On Nov 25 he again wor the half mile and one mile cham-

pionship runs in WALTER A. SCOTT. 2m 12s and 5m 16s, respectively. On April 2, 1887, he ran second in the five mile race on the Olympic club gymnasium track, the winner. Gilhuly, having a start of 2m. 80s. In May of that year he won the mile handicap run at the university games in 4m. 55s.; and on May 30 was defeated in a mile run by R. Mac-

Arthur, who had 100 yards start.
In June following he won a mile run at the Golden Gute Athletic club games, Petaluma, and on Nov. 24, for the third time, he won the half mile and mile championship runs, in 2m. 8 4-5s. and 5m. 3-5s. respectively. For this the Olympic club ented him with a handsome special medal. In April, 1888, Scott won the mile run at the university games in 4m. 57s., and on April 20 he captured a three mile run on the Olympie club gymnasium track in 17m. 58 4-5s., establishing the coast rec ord for that distance. In November following, for the fourth time, he won the half mile championship race in 2m. 8 4-5s. after about ten days' training. Since that time he has not competed, his duties as leader and captain of the Olympic Athletic club, both of which positions he has held, having taken up all his spare time. He is also president of the Pacific Coast Amateur Athletic association, which office he has held for several years. The success of athletics on the slope is largely due to the untiring efforts of W. A. Scott. He stands 6 feet in height, and in condition weighs 160 pounds. He is a member of the Olympic Athletic club, and is quite active and



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